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To all you

TAYLORS

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BROKERS,

Who lyes in Wickedneſs:

And to all you

TRADESMEN

Of what Trade, Imployment or Office ſoever.

This is to you all from the Lord, that you may return from all your evil wayes, words and works; that you may be hid in the day of his fierce wrath.

KNOWING

Alſo aſſuredly, that all your Prayers, Tears and Sacrifices are not available, while you regard iniquity in your hearts; your Meeting together, and beſt performances are but ſin, and an ill ſavour in the Noſtrils of the Lord: Therefore from them all return and repent, and leave off your ſins; that you may find reſt for your Souls.

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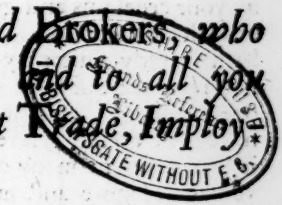

FRiends and *People*, The Lord God of Heaven and Earth, is appearing in the hearts and conſciences of the children of men, to ſearch out the hidden works and deeds of darkneſſe, and to ſhew all men their Iniquities, Tranſgreſſions, and Sins, though never ſo ſecretly committed; the Lord is come to manifeſt it, and to rip it open, though never ſo ſecret, (the day of the Lord declares it; and the apperance of Chriſt, which is light, makes it known to all men, of what degree or ſort ſoever they may be, or in what place, trade or calling, (they are) or office they be of; you all are to mind the light of Chriſt in your own conſciences, and to it be obedient, that with it you may be led out of all the evill of your wayes, trades, and callings, of what ſort ſoever; the light in your conſciences will make known the evill in them all, and redeem you out of it; if to it you be obedient, you will find it ſufficient to lead you out of ſin, and from under the power of the enemy of your ſouls, by which you have long been held in bondage, to many ſins luſts and whereby the ſoul hath been long oppreſſed, and the ſpirit of the Lord greived in you, which hath many times groaned for deliverance, and doth ſtill groan and travel, that it may be delivered from under the burden of ſin, which ſo heavily oppreſſeth, that it cryes in many of you for deliverance, from under the burden of your tranſgreſſions, which ſo heavily oppreſſes your ſouls, and it doth ſtill cry that it may be delivered and eaſed, for it hath long borne in many of you, and the cry of it is entred into the ears of the Lord, and he

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hath heard its groanings, and will alſo plead its cauſe againſt its oppreſſors, by which it hath been long held in bondage, by your cruel ſins and grievous tranſgreſſions, which you wilfully have committed, and dayly have rebelled; though it hath ſecretly ſmitten you in your inward parts; you have not returned but have grieved it more and more, by your open rebellion, and perverſe walking; whereby many of you have and do ſtill grieve it, yet more and more; and though it ſtill cryes in many of you, you will not regard it; but vex it ſtill more and more, for which the Lord God is grieved and greatly offended, for theſe your hainous tranſgreſſions, which you have dayly committed and done againſt the witneſſe of God in your own conſciences, which cryes for deliverance in many of you, that it may be delivered from under the burden of your corruptions; and from under the power of ſin, which lyes upon your Souls, that he may heale you of your backſlidings, and cure your deadly wounds, which by your ſins you have made, and do make; for which the Lord God is greatly offended, that when he called, you did not hear, but ſtill prophaned his holy name, by your ſins, while you mention him with your mouths, and lye in open prophaneneſs, for which the Lord our God is grieved, with theſe your hainous ſins, and hipocritical profeſſion; which you poure out before him, while your hearts are not upright, but lye in all manner of prophaneneſſe againſt my holy name ſaith the Lord God, I will have none of your ſacrifices, nor yet of your offrings, therefore come no more with them before me, for they are grief unto me, I have no pleaſure in them at all, take from me the Ringing of Bells for I connot away with them, they are an abomination unto me; I will not ſmell in your ſolemn Aſſemblies, neither hath my ſoul pleaſure therein, they are all an abomination to me, and to my taſt, they are even as an unſavory ſmell which comes in my Noſtrills, I have no pleaſure therein, they are even all poluted, and your hands are full of blood, wherefore come before me no more, for I have no pleaſure in your Aſſembling, nor coming together; wherefore come ſo no more for your paths are unclean, and your wayes are polluted; and

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your hands even full of blood, your ſins are very high, and your abominations very great; wherefore I will reckon with you; and for all the tranſgreſſions, which you have done ſince you rebelled againſt my witneſſe, which I have placed in your Conſciences which bears record of all your ſins, and of all the evill of your doings, even for theſe many years, which you have heaped up as wrath againſt the day of wrath, that you may be confounded by a ſudden deſtruction, and ſwift overthrow; which is coming upon you, even this City and Nation, if it ſpeedyly Repent not; and this is as a warning unto you all, that you ſpeedily return and repent, before the ſwift hand of the Lord break out againſt you, and there be none to deliver you, nor to appeaſe my wrath ſaith the Lord of Hoſts, who hath ſpoken it; who ſhall perform this, and much more is he coming to do.

Wherefore fear the Lord God, all ye the Inhabitants of *London*, and elſewhere; And in it men of all ſorts, Offices, Trades, and Callings of what ſort, Trade, Office, or Imployment ſoever you are of; leave off the evill in them all, and from it all depart, for the Lord is wearied with it, and therefore leave it off, that your Conſciences may be cleared, and the ſpirit of the Lord eaſed, which is oppreſſed in any of you, by the evil uſed in your employments, which you daily are exerciſed in, and led to by the Enemy of your ſouls; ſo that you cannot truly ſerve the Lord God, nor be obedient to his holy Spirit, which calls for Deliverance from under the burden of your ſins, that it may ſerve the living God, and be redeemed from all your evil wayes, both in Trades and Callings, and from the evil in them all, that all deceit may be denied, and evil judged by the witneſs of God in you all, which he hath placed in your hearts and Conſciences, a witneſſe againſt your ſinnes, which ſo greatly oppreſſes your ſoules, that it cryes to the Lord for Deliverance, that he may avenge his cauſe upon his deadly enemies, by which its held in bondage, and long hath been oppreſſed by theſe cruel enemies, which are many ſins and luſts, for which you all muſt come to judgement that lyes in ſuch things and know a Notable Terrible day, which is appearing againſt tranſgreſſions,

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and disobedience to Gods witnesse, which shewes the secrets of the heart in every man; and therefore take heed how you, or any of you do evill, or deceive, cozen, or cheat any one, for the Lord beholds it in you all: And where will all you Taylors, and Brokers, who lyes in wickednesse appear, that make a trade of sin, to deceive, and take that which is not your own, and sell it to an other, who knows you came not justly by it, and furnish your selves with that which is stoln, and dishonestly come by, and keep it in your shops in whole bundels of remnants and pieces? and such like things as are unjustly gotten, which the Children of the Lord cannot buy, who are redeemed out of such things, as you are in bondage to; with your many vain fashions which you invent, and beget people into, that it is even a grief to see how you are servants of sin, and inventers for peoples lusts, and Instruments of Satans will, whereby his worke is done: Therefore do so no more, but rather seek how to suppress them, and learn to beget people into true moderation, and out of pride, which you have been a leader into, and a preparer of the way for pride, and vanity; and delight in it, when you can most do it, then you are most esteemed; and the more fooliſh, the more you pleasure their vain fancies, and your own; when people looks like Apes and Fools, that it is even a shame to see them, how they are gone out of true moderation into fooliſh toyes and fancies, not like to sober men and women, that the very Creation even groanes under your pride and abomination, which you live in; and deck your selves and servants Liveryes fooliſhly withal, that its even a shame to see them how fooliſh they are decked; and their Masters are not wise in these things, who by their fooliſh Habit are known to serve such or such a man; and these things are amongst the Rulers and Wise men of this generation, whose wisdom the Lord will confound and lay waste, together with all their profession that yeilds no better fruits; but grieves the Lord by their vanities day by day, and seek not to amend it: So here men of all sorts, and men of all degrees and imployments grieves the Lord by their sins and transgressions which they commit, whilst they reject Gods Wittness, by which they should learn to amend

mend their wayes, and return from the evil of them to the Lord, that they might find mercy, and be hid in the day of his fierce wrath which is coming on the wicked, for their wickedneſs; and therefore all ye Trades-men in City, Town and Countrey, learn to amend your wayes; for the Lord is coming near to Judgement, even to Judge all men for the evil of their wayes, who have rebelled againſt Gods faithful Witneſs, which hath cryed in you many dayes; Therefore hear what it ſpeaks to you concerning your ſins, that it may redeem you out of them all, to ſerve the living God in newneſs of life, the remainder of your dayes, that you may walk before the Lord with a pure and perfect heart, to his praiſe and glory for ever; as you own the light of Chriſt which you are enligtned withal, you will in it find power againſt the enemy of your Souls, and ſtrength againſt your ſins, when you are tempted to any evil; the light will let you ſee it, and preſerve you out of it, as you come to believe in it, and blot out that which is paſt, and make up the breach betwixt God and you, that your ſins have made while you denied his light, which ſhould have ſaved you; and that is it which ſhews you ſhould not ſwear, lye nor ſteal; and if you have ſworn, lyed or ſtollen, do ſo no more; but repent, and return from it, and leave it of, and follow Chriſt Jeſus the light, which is placed in your Conſciences to condemn your ſins, as they do appear before they are acted, and give you power to reſiſt the temptation, and preſerve you from condemnation due for tranſgreſſion, and give you peace and reſt for your Souls;

Which is the deſire of a Friend to all your Souls, whoſe Name is,

GILBERT LATYE.

THE END.